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Expert group meetings and workshops to be held by the United Nations Statistics Division in 2004/05

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The United Nations Statistics Division is planning to organize expert group meetings and workshops in the areas listed below. In some cases, the holding of the event is contingent on co-financing by partners becoming available.

Expert group meetings

2. Expert group meetings will be held in New York on the following themes:

- Population and housing censuses (United Nations symposium)
- Social statistics (forum)
- Poverty statistics
- National accounts (advisory expert group)
- Business statistics: revision of handbook on industrial statistics
- International economic and social classifications, including the *Revised List of Industrial Commodities*
- Classifications (technical sub-group meetings)
- Fourth revision of the Standard International Trade Classification
- Manual of Environment Statistics
- Millennium Development Goals indicators
- Revision of the *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*

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Workshops

3. Workshops will be held on the following themes:

- Collection and dissemination of disability statistics into the United Nations *Demographic Yearbook* system
- *Demographic Yearbook*: improving fertility and mortality statistics in English-speaking Africa
- Capacity-building in statistics for developing countries and countries with economies in transition in data collection, compilation and dissemination methods, with emphasis on censuses, inter-censal surveys and vital statistics from civil registries
- Poverty (South Africa and Asia)
- National accounts (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA))
- Energy statistics
- Compilation of international merchandise trade statistics by partner/commodity
- International Trade in Services (Caribbean Community)
- Environment statistics
- Water accounting (ESCWA)
- International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities/Central Product Classification revision and implementation issues (Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and ESCWA)
- Millennium Development Goals indicators (ECE, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)
- Sub-Saharan Africa Millennium Development Goals indicators meeting follow-up